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# Notice of Allowability

Application No.  
09/399,405

Applicant(s)  
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Examiner  
JOSEPH DRODGE

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--The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS. This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the Amendment filed on September 20, 2001
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-21
3. ☒ The drawings filed on Sep 20, 1999 are acceptable as formal drawings.
4. ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
  - a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None    of the:
    1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_
    3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\*Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_

5. ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application. THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE FOR SUBMITTING NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS, OR A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION. This three-month period for complying with the REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL is extendable under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

6. ☐ Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED.
7. ☐ Applicant MUST submit NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS
  - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
    - 1) ☐ hereto    or    2) ☐ to Paper No. \_\_\_\_\_
  - (b) ☐ including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed \_\_\_\_\_, which has been approved by the examiner.
  - (c) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment/Comment or in the Office action of Paper No. \_\_\_\_\_

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.

8. ☐ Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Any reply to this letter should include, in the upper right hand corner, the APPLICATION NUMBER (SERIES CODE/SERIAL NUMBER). If applicant has received a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, the ISSUE BATCH NUMBER and DATE of the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE should also be included.

## Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
3. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
5. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449), Paper No(s). \_\_\_\_\_
7. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
9. ☐ Other

2. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
4. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No. 1041
6. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

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### EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Patrick O'Shea on October 25, 2001.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

In each of claim 1, line 3 (two occurrences); claim 3, line 3; claim 6, line 3 and line 4 (first occurrence); claim 11, line 2 and line 3 (first occurrence); and claim 21, line 3 (two occurrences): in the Specification, on page 3, in each of lines 5, 6 (first occurrence) and 11, on page 4, in each of lines 10 and 13, on page 5, in each of lines 1 and 4 and on page 6, in line 17 and in the body of the Abstract in each of lines 2, 3 (first occurrence) and 7 "surface" has been deleted. (The preceding lines on pages in the Specification are based on lines of actual text as filed, which does not necessarily correspond with line numbers in the left hand margins of Specification pages as filed)

In claim 4, in line 1 "planar" has been replaced with --opaque--.

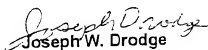
In line 3 of each of claims 9 and 14 "select" has been deleted.

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3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joseph W. Drodge whose telephone number is (703) 308-0403. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from approximately 8:30 AM - 4:45 PM.

The fax phone number for this Group is (703) 305-3599. When filing a FAX in Tech Center 1700, please indicate in the Header (upper right) "Official" for papers that are to be entered into the file, and "Unofficial" for draft documents and other communication with the PTO that are not for entry into the file of the application. This will expedite processing of your papers.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0661.

  
Joseph W. Drodge  
Primary Examiner  
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JWD  
October 26, 2001